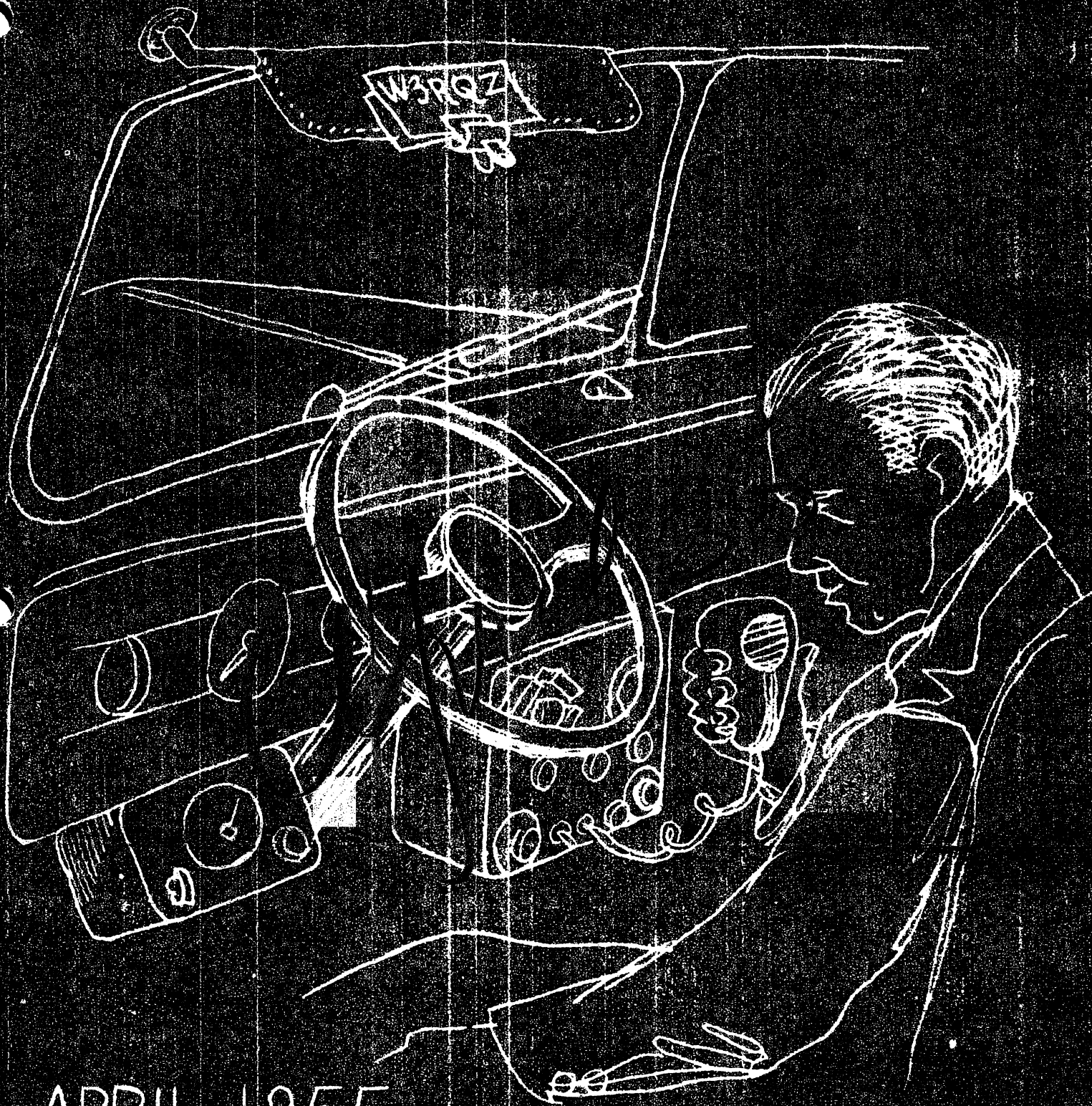




APRIL 1955

THE

BLURB

THE TVI RETREAT
Sponsored by
THE PHIL-MONT MOBILE
RADIO CLUB

resident ----- W3NIP
1st-President - W3ONO

Secretary ----- W3QQH
Treasurer ----- W3D\$G

Channel #1-29493kc Channel #3-27000kc
Channel #2-29626kc Channel #4-50.7mc

SEN 7:30 to 8:30 AM weekdays - "10 on 10" Sunday 10 AM - Blarney sessions anytime
All on Channel # 1

VOL 4

APRIL 1955

NO 4

NEXT MEETING - Cassidy School, between 65th & 66th on Lansdowne, West Phila.

DATE - First Monday of the Month, April 4, 1955 at 8 p.m. on the nose.

REFRESHMENTS - Prizes donated by Radio Electric Service Co. of Phila. and the club.

PROGRAM - The Hunt Co. will give us a talk on crystals. (Maybe we can all get on the same freq.)

NEW MEMBERS : W2ZAS and W3AHP were voted into the club. Glad to have you fellows. Once again this brings our complement up to our 100 member limit.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - W3NIP - " If you will take the time to analyze the growth and success of Phil-Mont, you will probably be impressed by the number of factors responsible. Obviously, the National growth of mobile operation has had its influence, with hams taking to the road to avoid TVI instead of buttoning-up their harmonics. - Before multi-band commercially-built mobile rigs were available, it was apparent that ten meters was the easiest band to "get on" in the car. The antenna was reasonable, the converters or receivers were not hard to come by, and the peculiar propagation properties of "ten" made this band the most practical for the power inputs that can be utilized in the car. It wasn't until the band "closed", however, a few years back, that many hams thought they had chosen the wrong band. Many ambitious ones looked to the lower QRM frequencies, and those who remained had to be content with an occasional contact. - The band "closing" was extremely fortunate, as many of us who wouldn't talk to a "local" when the band was "open" had the chance to get acquainted with the "guy" across town and found that he wasn't such a bad "Joe". After several contacts with him we began good friendships and sought him out -- scheduled him -- even met him on his frequency if we could. - Then came the realization that a common frequency could make the going easier and the presence of 7373.5kc crystals in ample quantities in the local surplus market cinched the problem. - Phil-Mont's growth in a large measure is due to the congregation of hams on this frequency. We procured and distributed crystals, set up monitors, started nets, and our membership grew to the point where we outgrew our original quarters and are bursting the seams of our present one. Limiting our membership to 100 active members became necessary to avoid the problem of getting too big! Even the 29493kc frequency we selected got over-crowded and nets were formed to create order. Channel 2 (29624 kc) came into being -- now a third, fourth and fifth frequency! Our now famous "3 pip" breaking procedure also helped. Channel 1 is now truly an "inter-com" frequency which is probably unique in hamdom. While we don't profess to say that it isn't done elsewhere, it is short of amazing how much of a hole we have "burned" in the band on "the frequency!". - This frequency belongs to no one, by FCC edict, but since so many are occupying it by choice and consider it their home, let's all of us be a bit more considerate in its use -- especially for testing! There are so many more wide open spaces in the same band for this purpose. Also, if your long-winded discussion isn't particularly interesting to the multitude of "party-line" listeners, slide off so these monitors won't get bored and switch you off. Who knows, maybe you'll run out of gas (no pun), 5 miles from the nearest gas station right after the last monitor pulled switches. - In future issues we'll discuss a few other points of our growing pains -- maybe you have some solution."

THE LATEST SCOOP - Last month's blurb was done on a multilith machine similar to the one W3IW and some of the staff have been promoting. It looks very nice, the question is whether or not it is worth the money. ED would like to see many pictures in the blurb (to help fill in the space hi).

We can do this from other sources if a multilith machine will set us back too much. The typewriter is the kind we want to get. W3IW is authorized to buy an electric machine. --- The meeting attendance of the DVRC is interesting - note the profusion of PMRC members as representatives of other clubs. --- No report has been received of the B & W talk so will report it later if someone can be tacked into it. --- We were pleased to receive the first copy of the "QRM" sponsored by the Corning Amateur Radio Association. We note they have completed a Walkie Talkie project of ten units W2UMJ designed them. The unit as far as we can see is a five tube unit and will sell for \$24.50 including tubes, batteries and the works. Sounds good. Who knows where the club is located so we can make a contact. They are also going into a 6 meter rig and converter program. --- March 8th was CUB's and Adele's 25th anniversary - congrats youall. --- W3QZO is due a great big vote of thanks on the trailer rig. You swabs who didn't show at the last meeting really missed something. - Bob brought the completed transmitter along and we all drooled over the beautiful workmanship. - Congratulations on a job well done Bob. - Trailer demonstration is due at the first good weather meeting. --- W3PWG was on 10m from Phila. to Houston, Texas this last week - did anyone contact him? --- If any of you boys want to see what is inside the Bassett Antenna loading unit see W3HJ. - Doc, in a semi-prof fashion, took an xray of it to see what makes it tick. The unit is very fine but too fine a price. Can anyone get a discount on it for the members? Several fellows are interested. The gadget changes bands by pulling out a detented rod to the selected band. --- W3IW is now being accused of smoking cabbage. --- Lyle, W3VSU, has just discovered that he is self insulation. You know, you can't electrocute a motorman because he isn't a conductor - that was a quote "pun" unquote hi. --- As a result of W3ADF's efforts we wish to quote from HB 561 before the Penna. State Legislature modifying the Vehicle Code Section 501. - " Upon application to the department, any owner of a motor vehicle designed for passenger travel and not used for commercial purposes, residing in Pennsylvania and holding an unrevoked and unexpired General, Advanced or Extra Class amateur radio station license issued by the F.C.C. shall be issued a registration plate as prescribed by subsection (a) of this section, on which shall be inscribed in lieu of the registration number prescribed by subsection (b) of this section, the official amateur radio call letters assigned to the applicant by the Federal Communications Commission. The applicant shall comply with all laws pertaining to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and the application for registration, as prescribed by the subsection, shall be accompanied by proof of ownership of the aforesaid amateur radio station license and the sum of three (\$3) dollars in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for annual registration of motor vehicles." --- You are reminded to get your 5 bucks to W3DAG before April 18th for the April 23, 1955 Old Timers Nite in Trenton. --- W3OWK took a picture of the club meeting last month - everyone was found asleep - that is everyone except ED and the president. ED wasn't in the picture and the president was talking. Hi. We never had the room to quote extensively from the Auto-call (blurb of the Washington Mobile Radio Club) but that doesn't prevent us from commenting on what a fine job Andy W3NL does with their rag. It is without a doubt the finest Mobile club paper in the U.S.A. (Present company excepted of course) How they manage to do it will continue to be a mystery to this ED. They have so much dope in it the members probably can't get through it all in a month. We wish to acknowledge recent mail from them. How about the PMRC going half way down to Washington and meeting their club for a nice sunshiny days activities along side of a swimming hole or something like that there. Everyone in favor hollar "Beer"! - non indulgers yell "Coke"! Big things are in the mill to be announced later. --- The Field Day gang is very busy. There will be a nice reward for the mobile in the club making the most number of points on field day. Special field day announcements will be made in the blurb from now on to keep you up to date on the activities. W3QZO has been fattening up all year for the big event. Last year he lost 10 lbs. Accordingly W3ONO and W3DAG ought to lose about 40, hi. --- Hal Pickering's pipe has been giving off with the worst smells lately. --- A series of programs is being planned at WHYY. --- The club is in the process of organizing a documentary sound film plugging Phil-mont. The activity is under the direction of W3VXN who has done this professionally before - this sounds like the finest bit of club promotion we have ever undertaken. It is unfortunate the cost of a color film is so high. ED believes a preliminary investigation may turn up a way for the club to recover the major costs of a color film - do you have any ideas on how this might be done? The difference between black and white and color merits a preliminary survey considering all the labor and effort that is really the biggest chunk of it all on a and cents basis. --- W3UCV is going to give us a talk on FCC licensing soon. --- The last MM was at ED's place with no wall bending controversies to report. It is exactly 1 year ago ED had the controversial 100 membership limit discussion. He just finished piling all the bricks back. --- The following was intercepted between a couple of local yokels --

REMEMBER FIELD DAY

JUNE 25TH AND 26

- 80, 40, 15, 10, 2
- CW AND PHONE
- CLUB PRIZE FOR HIGHEST
INDIVIDUAL MOBILE SCORE
- FRESH AIR OPERATION
- PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
- DETAILS NEXT MONTH

PHILMONT'S TRADING POST

April 1955

FOR SALE

Heisner Signal Shifter (old model), good condition - with all coils (W3CKW NO-5-7430)
Complete Anaco Code Record Album - never used (W3VAS - HI-6-1316)
Stancor 203-A less tubes and crystal - already wired \$23.00 (W3VAS HI-6-1316)
Gonset Super 6 and radio for 1953 Ford both for \$50.00 (W3CNO NO-8-1670)

FOR SALE OR SWAP

10 meter mobile rig. Gonset 3-30 converter, G E police-type transmitter (xtal, NBFT, 807 final, complete with mike, cables and control switches. Cash price \$40.00 or will swap for suitable communications receiver. Also interested in low-power fixed phone transmitter. (Jack Fogarty - W3QWJ BA-3-9950 day EV-2-2712 evenings)

Seller must promptly remit 10% of sale to club treasurer W3DSG Maximum fee \$10.00

Fill in coupon below and mail to: Harold Dillon W3EXY
Aronimink Arms Bldg. P
Drexel Hill, Penna.
Phone: Sunset 9-6982

I have the following equipment for sale:

I am looking for the following:

Name

Address

Phone

Monday

Dear John:

Recently you and I discussed the Philmont Mobile Radio Club and its various activities. At the time you mentioned that your group has participated in many worthwhile civic affairs; notably, acting as police and fire department contacts during community parades, and message handlers during civil defence drills. You also mentioned the good work done in tracking free-balloons, golf matches, transmitter-hunts, and something highly intriguing called, "Field Day".

You then brought to my attention that your group has been called upon to participate in something called a Sports Car Rallye. I don't dig the crazy spelling R-A-L-L-Y-E, but I imagine you pronounce it like the Bostonians are supposed to say the word, really, or the British pronunciation of the famous Sir Walter Raleigh. However....

As I understand it, these sports cars, which usually carry a semi-automatic pilot, and a usually otherwise-unemployed navigator, follow a prearranged course, which they are supposed to navigate in a predetermined length of time. At certain intervals there are check points where the cars report their arrival; penalties are incurred for being so many minutes too late or too early. At the end of the meet, the scores are tabulated, and amid "huzzahs" and "pahaws", prizes are awarded for straight, place and show. It all sounds to me like a human race that no intelligent horse would bet on. But that's neither here nor there. You told me, John, that the tabulation and calculation of these results is a long and laborious process, and heart-failure is a prevalent occupational hazard amongst the participants. Well, I have a solution. Why use mobiles? We will be glad to lend you a few Boy Scouts who are well versed in tom-tom communications. They can relay the arrival of each car, usually a breath-taking sight to behold, using either Amazon-One or African-Three type of signals. So you see that you have no problem at all, John; just give me a shout, old buddy, and we can supply anything you want, from Cubs to Eagles, and in any quantity.

Sincerely,

P.S. I really have a problem.

Jack

J.

Tuesday

Dear Jack:

Your Monday letter at hand and thanks for the offer. I will present it to the proper committee for processing. You really will take a load off our shoulders; the Sports Car Rallye group sent an advance agent up here to our last meeting, and he made such a stirring appeal for help that when he was done, there wasn't a dry eye in the audience. As a matter of fact, it took the housekeeping committee two hours to mop up all the water.

I don't know why there is an extra "e" on the end of the word rally - I'll try to find out, just for the record.

But what's this about your having a problem of your own - is there anything our club can do to help?

73 and 88 to the xyl -

John

Wednesday, P.M.

Dear John:

Thanks for replying so fast, but I didn't think I was

-4-

going to be able to answer your letter for a couple of days at least. When you signed off, you wrote, "73 and 88 to the xyl", and I was puzzled for hours. I finally turned it over to one of our Boy Scouts and he came up with the fact that 73 and 88 are equal to 161 - but the xyl part should be xyz, like the end of the alphabet; he figures it was a typographical error on your part. Smart, huh? That kid is a whip!!

Now for my problem, John, old boy. Everybody is always making fun of the Boy Scouts and how they take old ladies across the street; some wiseguy always makes the remark that it sometimes takes three or four Boy Scouts to do the job because the old lady doesn't want to go across the street and they have to drag her. That kind of talk is a reflection on all Boy Scouts, and we have decided to do something about it. We are going to hold a big rallye (now I'm spelling it that way) to which everyone will be invited. We will arrange to bring our own old ladies along so that there won't be any hitch. We would like to use a wide street, and have tentatively chosen Roosevelt Blvd. Now here is where your Club can help us. Please supply us with enough mobiles to stretch transversely across Roosevelt Blvd., standing bumper to bumper (to divert traffic, of course). As each team, consisting of one Boy Scout and one old lady goes by, the mobile can radio the time to the judges, and they in turn can feed the information into an electronic-brain, and the winner quickly determined. This will be an event in the annals of scouting, believe me. So, you help us and we help you!

Let me hear from you soon.

Regards,

Jack

Thursday

Dear Jack:

Your Wednesday letter really poses a problem, but I'm sure we can reach a solution and lend a hand. The idea sounds great and will certainly do much to enhance the prestige of all Boy Scouts in general, and your troop in particular. You realize that the close proximity of all the mobiles in the line is going to cause some blocking on the frequency, but this can probably be ironed out.

You must realize, however, that I can't make any decisions on my own, but I will be happy to see to it that this comes to the attention of the Club. As a matter of fact, I will turn all this correspondence over to our President, "Chuck" Snyder, W3NIP, and wait for his disposition.

So, as the old expression goes, "Don't call us, we'll call you".

Regards, and all the best,

Sincerely,

John

P.S. Oh, yes - about the letter "E" on the word, "RALLYE" - I checked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and they advise that it is real Golden Bantam, twelve rows to the ear.

J.

A suggestion to Incorporate the club was made at the last meeting and referred to Legal Beagle B on, how about it Bill? --- 21,300 was chosen as the calling freq. on 15 meters. --- It's a little Kitty for the W3IGWs' - 5lb. 1oz. Congratulation from all of us. --- The secret is out --- Now we know why W3TBF hasn't been around to meetings. - She finally got him - hook, line and beefsteaks. --- You gals had better stay away from these so called plastic floor finishes. One of

the local wives put some on her Kitchen floor after the kids had gone to bed to make sure it would dry. The next morning breakfast was a little hard to make with bedroom slippers and shoes sticking to the goo that didn't dry. Out came the sandpaper, goosegrease, rubbing alchol, the ole mans best Bourbon, steel wool, mustard plaster, corn remover, paint remover - in fact anything that was ever known to remove something but to no avail. We haven't heard whether or not the flooring had to be taken up but if you want the details call the Mrs. on Sw 6-6411. --- Hal Pickering promised us a report on the Sports Car Rallye. Guess he is still out there among the check points. - The deadline was Sunday, Hal. --- What photographer with "The Bulletin" promised some other hams xyl a bear rug or was it "hug".

Editor - W3PXY - 200 Midland Rd., Springfield, Penna.		Phone:	Swarthmore 6-3912
Associate Editor - W3IW - 216 Paddock Road, Havertown, Penna.		Phone:	Hilltop 6-4809
Art Department - W3IM		W4JQS	
Staff - W3HYU - Technical Editor		W3IIVG - NE Section and Trenton, New Jersey	
W2WKI - Moorestown, New Jersey		W3FFF - Wilmington, Delaware	
Swap Sheet - W3EXY - Aronomink Arms, Bldg. P, Drexel Hill, Penna.		Phone: Su-9-6982	
Circulation & Printing Dept.			
Stamplicker in chief - W3SGR		W3IW - Printer	Mrs. W3IW - Typist and finish copy
W3DAG - Collator		W3KNC - Gluepot	W3YJM - Boss Stitcher